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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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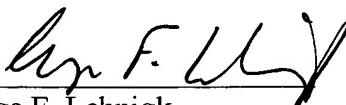
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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith copies of a corresponding International Search Report and of an International Examination Report from a Foreign Patent Office citing such documents, together with English-language versions of those portions of the Search and Examination Reports from the Foreign Patent Office indicating the degree of relevance found by the Foreign Office. Additionally, it is noted that WO 95/27236 is listed in the International Search Report as corresponding to U.S. 5,926,621.

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